

to leave, but it has been difficult to leave the staff. Then also the friends here, those that expressed their views this afternoon, it is most appreciated.

That is the sorrow side of it, of leaving friends behind. But there comes a time when we must do that.

So I say today that it has been a privilege to serve in this body. Time goes so fast, it seems like only yesterday we came here, but it does go fast. But it has been a great honor to have served with so many people.

As we leave, I have to say that back when I worked for a living, I was a farmer and a country banker, and I was president of my Chamber of Commerce. I passed the gavel to my successor. I had not been elected yet, but I felt I was going to, even the Republican National Committee did not think I was, but I will tell you all about that some day.

I passed the gavel to him, and he ran a local dry cleaning establishment, and he stood there, straightened his tie, gulped, and finally I realized that he had stage fright. So I stood up and said, "I know Ross is overwhelmed by the responsibility we are giving him today," giving him the gavel of being president of our local chamber. But I said, "Ross, say a few words. Say thank you."

He said well, "I may not appreciate this, but I sure deserve it."

Well, I do appreciate it, and I hope I deserve something here. But as we leave, we say it has been a pleasure serving with each of you, and we will never forget it. Our prayers will always be with the hard-working people here, the staff, and the Members that will serve in this Chamber in the future.

God be with you. Thank you.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the House stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. WALKER] at 7 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.

HOURLY MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legis-

lative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mrs. SCHROEDER) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MONTGOMERY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DICKS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. SCHROEDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MOAKLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SOLOMON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. DORNAN) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. CLINGER, for 5 minutes on October 1.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. RICHARDSON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MYERS of Indiana, for 5 minutes today.

ENROLLED BILLS AND A JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1011. An act to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Ohio;

H.R. 1031. An act for the relief of Oscar Salas-Valasquez;

H.R. 1514. An act to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance safety, training, research and development, and safety education in the propane gas industry for the benefit of propane consumers and the public, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1823. An act to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Central Utah Water Conservancy District dated December 28, 1965, and November 26, 1985, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2700. An act to designate the building located at 8302 FM 327, Elmhurst, Texas, which houses the operations of the United States Postal Service, as the "Amos F. Longoria Post Office Building";

H.R. 2779. An act to provide for appropriate implementation of the Metric Conversion Act of 1975 in Federal construction projects, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2967. An act to extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2988. An act to amend the Clean Air Act to provide that traffic signal synchronization

projects are exempt from certain requirements of Environmental Protection Agency Rules;

H.R. 3074. An act to amend the United States-Israel Free Trade Area Implementation Act of 1985 to provide the President with additional proclamation authority with respect to articles of the West Bank of Gaza Strip or a qualifying industry zone;

H.R. 3166. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the crime of false statement in a Government matter;

H.R. 3458. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 1996 the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3660. An act to make amendments to the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3871. An act to waive temporarily the Medicaid enrollment composition rule for certain health maintenance organization;

H.R. 3916. An act to make available certain Voice of America and Radio Marti multilingual computer readable text and voice recordings;

H.R. 3973. An act to provide for a study of the recommendations of the Joint Federal-State Commission on Policies and Programs Affecting Alaska Natives;

H.R. 4138. An act to authorize the hydrogen research, development, and demonstration programs of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4167. An act to provide for the safety of journeyman boxers, and for other purposes;

H.R. 4168. An act to amend the Helium Act to authorize the Secretary to enter into agreement with private parties for the recovery and disposal of helium on Federal lands, and for other purposes; and

H.J. Res. 197. Joint resolution waiving certain enrollment requirements with respect to any bill or joint resolution of the One Hundred Fourth Congress making general or continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS AND A JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 919. An act to modify and reauthorize the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, and for other purposes;

S. 1577. An act to authorize appropriations for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001;

S. 1931. An act to provide that the United States Post Office and Courthouse building located at 9 East Broad Street, Cookeville, Tennessee, shall be known and designated as the "L. Clure Morton United States Post Office and Courthouse";

S. 2100. An act to provide for the extension of certain authority for the Marshal of the Supreme Court and Supreme Court Police; and

S.J. Res. 64. A joint resolution to commend Operation Sail for its advancement of brotherhood among nations, its continuing commemoration of the history of the United States, and its nurturing of young cadets through training in seamanship.